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Fred,

Here is the copy from William H. Lyons diary that I promised you. I hope that it will prove to be of some use to you. It would appear that our boys camped near the Dunker Church on June 22nd. That should prove interesting to the fellows in the BLA.

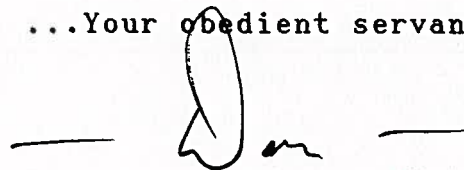
I believe that I mentioned that I am currently working on a copy of General Irvin McDowell's cap for his great-grandson. The pictures that I have seen of General McDowell show him wearing a plain McDowell cap, adorned only with the Staff Officer's embroidered U.S. in a wreath patch. I'm using an original McDowell cap owned by artist Don Pretchel as my model. (I've sponsored Mr. Pretchel for membership in the Company. I'm sure that you have seen his art-work in the various publications.)

Also, I hear from Don Smith that you are indeed interested in the possibility of using his talents in your current project. Don is a really nice fellow and a fine artist. (I have also sponsored Don Smith for membership in the Company. I hope that I have not overstepped my bounds in these two instances, but both men are exceptionally fine artist/historians.)

I went up to Montana this week and scouted out the place preparatory to our move up there. I must say that although it has been nearly 4 years since I last visited the area; I do indeed still love that beautiful valley nestled between the Bitterroot and Sapphire mountain ranges. I'll have to drag you up here some year for a visit!

Things here are still pretty much on schedule. You should be getting a postcard from Montana in the near future. I'll continue to keep in touch. Until next time, it is my very great honor to remain...

...Your obedient servant,



Don Patrick

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Diary of William H. Lyons - Company E, 2nd Md. Infantry

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William H. Lyons - Company E, 1st Md. Regiment, Archer's Brigade, Heth's Division, A. P. Hill's Corps

To the commander of Fortress Monroe, by flag of truce by boat.

Diary of the following:

August 20th, 1862 - In the evening at home in Bambury District, Talbot County, Maryland. We went to town in the evening. We returned and started south at 5 o'clock p.m., and had a tedious time of it.

August 21st, 1862 - We, the following parties, were together: Levin G. Dawson, Robert Alexander Dawson, James Reddie, Percolus M. Moore, and myself, William H. Lyons. We went down to the river and the weather would not permit our crossing. So we returned to Mr. Dawson's (house) and the same night (we) went down again, in the the evening, to the river. (The) weather (being) still clear yet, we went to Gipson's (house) at Oxford that night, and took refuge up Mr. Gipson's stairs. We arrived (in) Oxford (at) seven p.m.

August 22nd, 1862 - We are still up Mr. Gipson's stairs, all quiet.

August 23rd, 1862 - Weather will not permit us to cross the Bay yet, so we are at Gipson's yet.

August 24th, 1862 - In the morning we ate breakfast, and

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We dined and (then) went up Breton's Bay (Lenardtown area) and could not get across that, so we stayed at Dr. Goff's (house) until morning, or near day when we were put to flight by a gunboat which came up to the western shore. We took refuge in the brush till all got quiet in the morning.

August 27th, 1862 - This morning we met a blockage runner, and made arrangements to cross the Potomac River. That night we started across, but had to turn back, the wind being too heavy. So, we lay on the shore all night and did the best that we could.

August 28th, 1862 - We lay on the shore all day and started across again (as) soon as it got dark. But, when we got out of the creek a cloud came up and a heavy rain fell, so we had to stay until 1:00 o'clock when we started across and arrived in Virginia at 4 a.m., and was glad to get there. We landed at Machando Creek, Mr. Chandley's. (house)

August 29th, 1862 - We ate breakfast this morning and started to Westmoreland County; arrived there at dark, distance: 16 miles.

August 30th, 1862 - We started on our journey this morning, and crossed the Rappahannock (River), and went to Lloyd's, and 5 miles beyond, stopping for the night. Distance in the day: 24 miles.

August 31st, 1862 - We started today at 3 p.m. after hiring a wagon to carry us to Hanover Court House. We travelled all night.

September 1st, 1862 - We arrived here at 7:30 a.m. and were too late for breakfast, and so we had to do without until dinner. Then we took the evening train for Richmond on the C.R.R. where we arrived (at) 5:30 p.m.. I went out to Camp Maryland and had a hard old time of it. That night it rained and the wind blew very hard. The tent fell under the pressure of the storm.

September 2nd, 1862 - I went to the city of Richmond and found some of my friends and, then we boarded on the corner of Ninth and Maryland streets, at the "Capitol House", at \$12.00 per week. We stayed in the city (for) three weeks. (We were) sworn in the Maryland Line, 6th Inst., and left for Winchester, Virginia on September 23rd. I mustered in on September 12th.

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June 13th, 1863 - Part of our campaign in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. We, The Maryland Line, under Col. J.R. Herbert, marched from Cedar Creek (Virginia), before light, towards Winchester (Virginia), where we opened the attack about 12 (noon); the U.S. troops (were) under Major General Milroy. We were soon reinforced by General Early, C.S.A., "Confederate States of America", and his command. So we fought the Yankees all day, and stopped at Curingtown (Kernstown?) that night.

June 14th, 1863 - We renewed the fight this morning and continued all day. We lost out of the Maryland Line, 17

men wounded, some mortally. Heavy cannonading in the evening; our losses, slight.

June 15th, 1863 - We moved up this morning, early; towards the town of Winchester, Virginia. The American flag was still flying in the fort, but we soon found that the U.S. troops were gone, and we took possession of the place. We were soon on duty guarding prisoners, and captured stores. I was in a sutler's shoproom soon after we arrived (and) we got plenty of (the) things (that) we needed. We encamped there all day. We captured 27 pieces of cannon, 400 wagons, 2,000 horses, and ammunition, etc.

June 16th, 1863 - We marched, early, from Winchester, and joined (Gen. George H.) Steuart's Brigade, Johnson's Division, Ewell's Corps, A.N.V., and moved off towards Charles-town, and encamped 14 miles from Winchester.

June 17th, 1863 - We marched all day on the road towards Maryland, and encamped near Shephardstown. (Sheppardstown)

June 18th, 1863 - We started this morning, our command, the 1st Maryland Regiment, Marching to the front. When we got to Shephardstown we crossed the river (Potomac) opposite (to) Sharpsburg (Md.) in Washington County, Maryland.

June 19th, 1863 - In camp all day, and all quiet in front company; I am picket.

June 20th, 1863 - We marched 2 miles beyond Sharpsburg (and) went into camp. First Md. Line went on picket (duty) on the old battlefield.

June 21st, 1863 - On picket. All quiet in front, and a rain.

June 22nd, 1863 - We are relieved by the 3rd North Carolina troop and we went (into) camp at an old church.

June 23rd, 1863 - We marched from camp this morning and marched through Hagerstown, and encamped near the Pennsylvania and Maryland line.

June 24th, 1863 - We marched through Middleburg (Mercersburg, Pennsylvania?), Upperville (Upton, Pennsylvania?), and Greencastle (Pennsylvania) to the cool Mountains where we camp(ed). In contact with some Federal militia in ambush, but we soon drove them off and (with) no loss to us. We fired one shot from (the) rifle guns (rifled artillery) at McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. Companys A, B, and E went



as skirmishers, and (then company) E went on picket (duty) at the stone bridge. Citizens very much frightened by "The Rebs", but we did them no harm.

June 25th, 1863 - In town and on Picket (duty), all quiet in front.

June 26th, 1863 - We marched from the town on the mountain road and passed through (Fort) Loudon (Pennsylvania) and St. Thomas (Pennsylvania), and (we) went (into) camp on the fairground at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

June 27th, 1863 - We marched through Chambersburg (Pennsylvania), Greenville (Green Village, Pennsylvania), and Shipensburg (Pennsylvania) and encamped at Springfield: distance 25 miles.

June 28th, 1863 - Marched through Springfield (Pennsylvania) and encamped 5 miles off (from) Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

June 29th, 1863 - We started late in the evening, and marched the same road back, and passed the above named towns or part of them.

June 30th, 1863 - We marched to Greenville (Green Village, Pennsylvania) and had a very heavy cannon guard.

July 1st, 1863 - We did not get our rations last night. This morning we had enough for breakfast, and we had whiskey given to the men, and we started on a forced march. It rained a little and we marched through Forgetville (Fayetteville, Pennsylvania), (The) South Mountains, and Cashtown, 58 miles from Baltimore on the Baltimore Pike, and at Gettysburg (at) about dark. Hill's corps had been fighting the enemy all day, and drove them 2 miles back. We went (into) line of battle (at) about 10:30 o'clock (p.m.), and (we) put out pickets. I was on picket (duty). We could hear reinforcements coming in to them (Federal Army) all night (long). (The) day's march (was) 32 miles, during the day.

July 2nd, 1863 - I was on Picket (duty) all day till 5 p.m., when our command was moved forward and I went to the main column. We charged the enemy and drove them off (of) their first (picket?) line, and breastworks, and followed them up some distance, but could do nothing and (so) we returned to the breastworks and stayed all night. Picket firing all night.

July 3rd, 1863 - This morning they are fighting on the left and right. We formed a line in the hollow, and charged them at 10 a.m., and broke their first line (pickets?), and then ours broke and we fell back to our works till in the evening, late. Then, we fell back beyond the town under cover (of) darkness, and formed a line of battle, and were ready to celebrate the fourth (of July). But we were not attacked.

July 4th, 1863 - We are in line of battle all day. We had rations issued to us in the evening for the first time since June 30th, and short rations at that, but it was as hard as if it (were) made for convicts, half raw and everything else.

July 5th, 1863 - We started to fall back last night at 11 o'clock, and it rained all night, and was very bad indeed. I got a chicken out of a springhouse and cooked it on the fire and ate it without salt or bread. We went (into) camp (at) about 9 p.m.. I was with the skirmishers today.

July 6th, 1863 - We are on a retreat, and seeing hard times.

July 7th, 1863 - We are near Hagerstown, Maryland; all quiet.

July 8th, 1863 - We marched through Hagerstown (Maryland) and were in line of battle on the 10th, near that place and stayed 4 days when we started across the Potomac River for old Virginia. The river was very high. We marched along (at) our leisure and stopped at Martinsburg (Western Virginia), and (there we) tore up the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. From there we moved across the mountains and got between Liberty Mills (Virginia) and Orange Court House, where we went (into) camp on the first day of August. It was very warm and one half of our men were given out on the road. We expect to stay here some time and nothing of consequence is on foot, so I will stop till we move.

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October 8th, 1863 - We left Orange Court House about 2 weeks ago and have been in line of battle. We received orders this morning to move so we put things in motion. Marched 18 miles and we went (into) camp.

October 9th, 1863 - We marched 23 miles and crossed the Rapidan River on (General George) Meade's flank.

October 10th, 1863 - We marched 16 miles, our cavalry fighting the enemy's rear guard all day. We took some prisoners and crossed (the) Robinson River.

October 11th, 1863 - We marched 16 miles and encamped 6 miles off (from) Culpepper Courthouse, cannonading in front all day. We passed (abandoned) Yankee camps.

October 12th, 1863 - We marched about 20 miles (crossing) the Hazel and Rappahannock Rivers and encamping at Warrington Springs (Warrenton Springs?), a camp that had been left by the Yanks a few hours before.

October 13th, 1863 - We marched 12 miles and encamped near the town of Warrington (Warrenton?). We passed a few dead Yanks on the road, and a few prisoners still going on in front. (The) prisoners numbered about 1,200.

End of diary.

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